



WASTE BASKET — Bottles, cans, paper cups, oil and other debris floats at the south end of Lake Killarney. Property owners blame the pollution on a drainage pipe installed two years ago by Orange County to syphon off the overflow during heavy rains from Minnesota Ave.

County Drain Does Its Job; Lake Damaged

A group of Lake Killarney lakefront home owners, calling themselves The Lake Killarney Environmental Association, are distressed over the garbage and debris being dumped into the lake.

Two years ago, the county installed a drainage pipe to alleviate the flooding condition on Minnesota Ave. The pipe runs through a county easement parallel to Blue Heron Dr. and into Lake Killarney.

Apparently, the drainage pipe is carrying off excess water from the Minnesota Ave. area. But, along with the water run-off, the pipe is polluting the lake with bottles, cans, paper cups, oil and other debris.

years they have lived in the house they have watched the once-lovely lake nearly destroyed.

Raised \$8,000

Two years ago, in an effort to save the lake, over 40 families formed their association and raised over \$8,000 to fight weeds and other pollution.

Last year, the association hired Kitco Company to treat the lake in an effort to bring the weed problem under control. Mrs. Lenius said that the treatment helped considerably.

Again this year, the homeowners have raised \$8,000 and plan to pay for another weed treatment. They are waiting, however, until the added debris from the drainage pipe is cleared before they attempt to

are of no value to the section of the lake that lies outside the city limits.

In an associated incident, the Leniuses have filed suit against the contractor who built the drainage pipe for the county.

Boathouse Damaged

At the time the pipe was installed, the Lenius boathouse was damaged. The couple had been told by county officials that the contractor (Amick Construction) was insured should any damages be incurred by area residents.

To date, the Leniuses have been unable to settle their claim against the contractor to their satisfaction. A trial date is to be set for hearing the matter.

Meanwhile, the Lenius boathouse door won't open and Lake Killarney is serving as a waste basket for the Minnesota Ave. drainage pipe.

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MR. & Mrs. Robert
LINIUS own a lake-
front home at 336
Blue Heron Drive.

Their property is
directly adjacent
to the county drain-
age pipe. The once
clear sandy beach is
now brimming with

attack the weeds.

According to Mrs.
Lenius, Orange Co.
has done nothing to
help solve the dual
problem of weeds and
drainage refuse. She

says the county pleads lack of funds. A portion of Lake
Killarney lies in Winter Park. The city has been treating
the weeds in its section of the lake. But city efforts

refuse from the
Minnesota Ave. run-off. Mrs. L.
told the News that during the 16